



THE DEVIL IS A PART- TIMER

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ART
AKIO HIIRAGI ■
ORIGINAL STORY
SATOSHI WAGAHARA ■
CHARACTER DESIGN
029 (ONIKU) ■





THE DEVIL IS A PART-TIMER!

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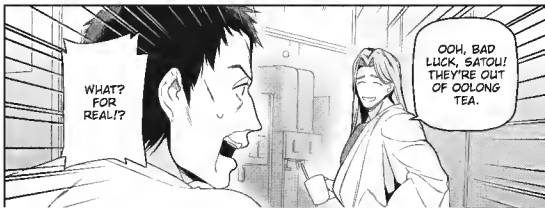
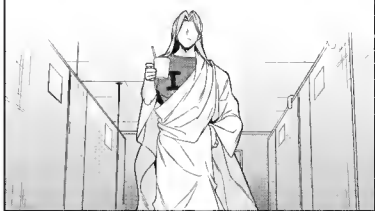
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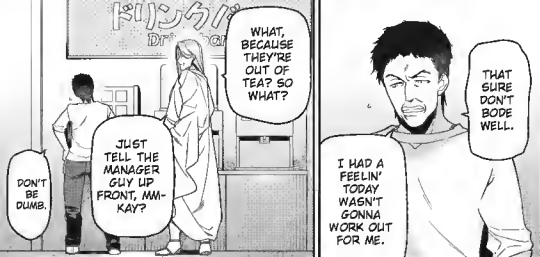
SIGN: CYBERCAFE, INTERNET, MANGA,
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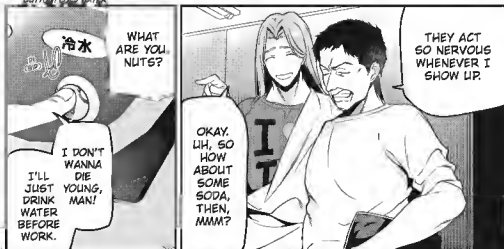
SIGN: BEWARE OF THEFT! NEVER LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES ALONE.







BUTTON: COLD WATER





BUT ONE OF
MY EMPLOYEES
EMBEZZLED A TON
OF DOUGH FROM
ME...

I MAY NOT
LOOK IT,
BUT I USED
TO RUN A
COMPANY!

I GOT STUCK
WITH THIS HUGE
DEBT, AND I
SPENT THE NEXT
TEN YEARS
PAYIN' IT
BACK.

SHAWA

SHAWA (GULP)



SODA
IN THE
MORNING
AIN'T
EXACTLY
IDEAL, I
GUESS.

YEAH
...



NOW I'M
SAVIN' UP MY
PAYCHECKS
...

I'LL BE
BACK IN
BUSINESS
SOON!

IT'S HIS
EYES.
SOMETHING
REALLY ALIVE
IN 'EM, HMM?

NI
CORNIO
/V/



NI
CORNIO
/V/



THE FROZEN
TUNA AT THE
SUPERMARKET
SURE LOOKS
MORE ALIVE
THAN ME,
DON'T IT?







WE BARELY
WORKED
HALF THE
TIME WE
PLANNED
FOR.

IT WAS
NOT
LONG AT
ALL, MY
LIEGE.

FEELS LIKE
WE'VE BEEN
GONE A LOT
LONGER
THAN WE
WERE.



AND THIS
IS LOOKING
RATHER
HONEY
AGAIN,
INDEED.

WHEREVER
YOU HANG
YOUR HAT
IS HOME,
AS THEY
SAY.

NOW I DON'T
HAVE TO
DEAL WITH
THE OUTSIDE
WORLD EVER
AGAIN.

NO COM-
PLAINTS
FROM ME,
DUDE.



WELL,
BE THAT
AS IT
MAY...

...
THERE'S
ONE
THING I
SERIOUSLY
WANNA
ASK MY
LANDLORD.

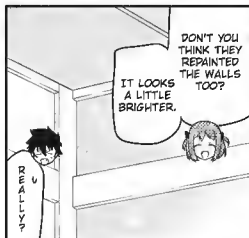
THAT HOLE
WAS ENORMOUS,
AND IN JUST
FOUR DAYS, IT'S
GONE WITHOUT
A TRACE?

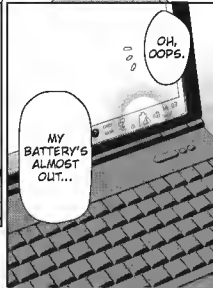
I'M
AMAZED
THEY
PATCHED
THE
WHOLE
THING UP
IN FOUR
DAYS...

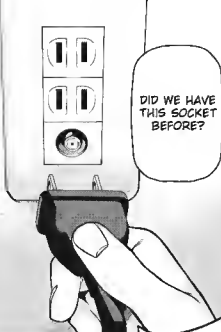


**WHY'S
EVERYTHING
EXACTLY THE
SAME AS
BEFORE!?**









2004

DOMI
DOMI
CLUTTER





...GOT
AN HD
HOOKUP!

VILLA
ROSA
SASAZUKA
...



WHA
...?

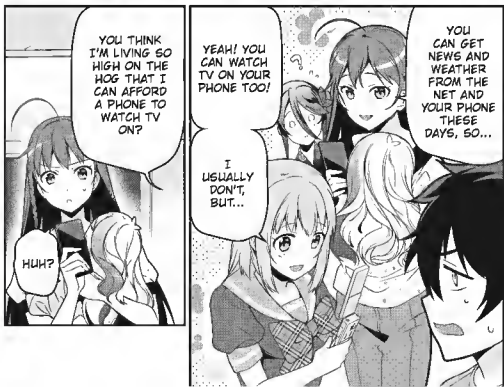
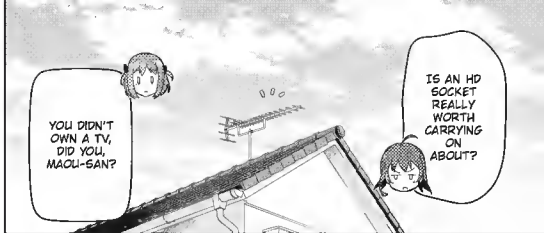
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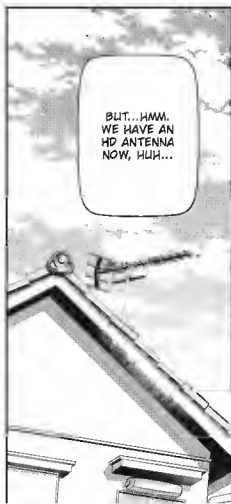


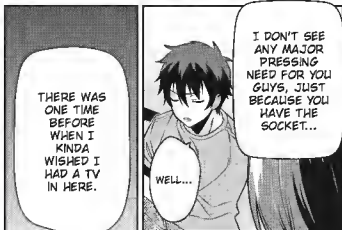
WHAT'S
ALL THAT
RACKET!?
DO YOU
WANT TO
WAKE ALAS
RAMUS!?

WHAT IS
IT? ARE
WE UNDER
ATTACK?

WHAAA-
AAAT!?









THEY CAME
WITH A
POCKET
CREATURES
TOY RIGHT
AROUND
THEN.

THE
ONES
THAT
COME
WITH
TOYS
AND
STUFF?

YOU KNOW
OUR JOLLY
MEALS?



IT WAS
BEFORE
CHI-CHAN
JOINED ME
AT THE
MAG.



..."GIMME
THE ONE
THAT GOES
'CROAK-A-
LOAK!'"

HE
WAS
LIKE...



I ASKED THIS
KID WHO
SHOWED UP
WHICH TOY HE
WANTED.



I FELT EXACTLY
LIKE YOU DO
RIGHT NOW.



YEAH!
YOU
SEE?

...?

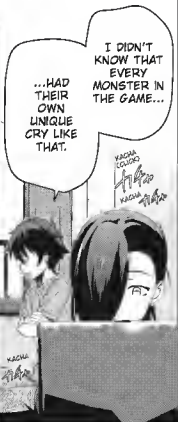


POCKET CREATURES: THE MOVIE, DECAHELIOS AND THE PATH TO THE SKY KING



YOU ARE
SPEAKING
TONGUES,
LUCIFER.

DECAHELIOS
IS THE
MYTHICAL
POKÉTURE
IN THAT ONE.
AND HIS
MINI-FORM
IS DEKALO



...HAD
THEIR
OWN
UNIQUE
CRY LIKE
THAT.

I DIDN'T
KNOW THAT
EVERY
MONSTER IN
THE GAME...



SO WHAT'S
THE POINT
OF THAT
STORY?

THE
POINT
IS...



...AND ALL
THE KID
REMEMBERED
WAS WHAT
HE SOUNDED
LIKE.

SO THE GUY
ONLY SHOWS
UP IN THE
MOVIE...



...SO HIS MOM
JUST CHOSE
A POKÉTURE
AT RANDOM
INSTEAD.

THIS ONE'S
FINE, ISN'T IT?

WE
NEVER
FIGURED
IT OUT...



BAG: BEAN SPROUTS

SIGN: SALMON





Hamburg

IF YOU
SEARCH
FOR
"HAMBURG"
...

...YOU'LL GET
HITS ABOUT
GRATED
RADISH AND
DEMI-GLACES
AND TOFU
BURGERS...

YOU AREN'T
GONNA
LEARN ABOUT
BUTTERED
SALMON
WITH BEAN
SPROUTS.

Hamburg★

★Bremen



HUH? WELL,
YES...I'VE
HAD THAT
HAPPEN
BEFORE...



THAT'S
THE THING
ABOUT THE
NET. YOU
CAN'T LEARN
STUFF
LIKE THAT
ONLINE.



THIS
DOESN'T
APPLY TO
EVERY-
THING,
BUT...

YOU DON'T
JUST
STUMBLE
ON IT BY
CHANCE.



I JUST
FIGURED
IT'D BE
NICE TO
HAVE SOME
"PLAY," YOU
KNOW?

WITH TV
YOU GET
EXPOSED TO
STUFF IN ADS
AND VARIETY
SHOWS.



...WITH THE
INTERNET,
ONCE
SOMETHING
LOSES YOUR
INTEREST,
YOU DON'T
GO BACK
AGAIN.

BUT
DOESN'T
THAT
HAPPEN
WITH TV
TOO?

TV: UP NEXT: UNEXPECTED NEW TWIST!



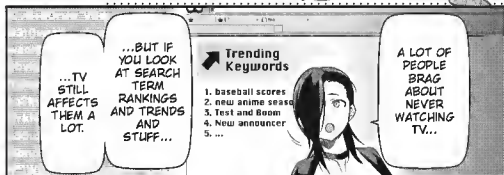
YEAH,
TRUE.

THEN, IF I
WANT TO
EXAMINE A
TOPIC MORE
IN-DEPTH, I
CAN HIT UP
THE NET FOR
THAT.

...I
THINK
TV'S
STILL
WAY
MORE
VITAL.

...BUT IN
TERMS OF
CREATING
CHANCES
TO TAKE IN
SOMETHING
NEW...

I KNOW
THE NET'S
EASIER,
AND
YOU CAN
LOOK UP
ANYTHING
YOU WANT...



...TV
STILL
AFFECTS
THEM A
LOT.

...BUT IF
YOU LOOK
AT SEARCH
TERM
RANKINGS
AND TRENDS
AND
STUFF...

Trending Keywords

1. baseball scores
2. new anime season
3. Test and Boom
4. New announcer
5. ...

A LOT OF
PEOPLE
BRAG
ABOUT
NEVER
WATCHING
TV...



HHMM
...

YES...
BUT...

WE'LL
HAVE TO
PAY MHK
LICENSE
FEES,
THOUGH...

...IT'LL
TEACH US
ABOUT
THE
HUMAN
WORLD
...

...AND HELP US
ONCE WE'RE
READY TO
CONQUER IT.

IF WE HAVE
THIS MEDIA
DEVICE THAT
PLAYS A
MAJOR ROLE
IN HUMAN
SOCIETY...



FIRST,
WE'LL
VISIT OUR
REAL-
ESTATE
AGENT.

I WANT TO
ASCERTAIN
HOW THE NEW
ANTENNA WILL
AFFECT THE
APARTMENT'S TV
SETUP.

ALLOW
ME TO
PROPOSE
YOU THIS,
MY LIEGE.

IF IT FALLS
UPON US AS
TENANTS TO PAY
THE MHK FEES,
I FEAR THIS
SIMPLY WILL NOT
WORK.



WE WERE
SUPPOSED TO
BE WORKING
AT THAT
SNACK BAR
FOR HALF OF
AUGUST!

YES,
IT
IS!



EVERYTHING
BUT THE
UTILITIES ARE
INCLUDED IN
MY PLACE,
BUT...



...BUT WE
CANNOT
LAVISH
MONEY ON
EXPENSIVE
HOME
APPLIANCES!

AND, YES,
WE WERE
REMUN-
ERATED
WELL—
MORE THAN
HALF A
MONTH OF
YOUR
MGRONALD
WAGES...



I TRULY
DO NOT
WANT
TO BUY
THIS!

DO NOT
INTER-
JECT,
EMILIA!

GEEZ,
THAT'S
ROUGH...



TAKING
INTO
ACCOUNT
WHAT WE
MADE AT
OHGURO-
YA...

...I CAN
TAKE TEN
THOUSAND
YEN FROM
EACH OF
OUR WAGES.
SO, THIRTY
THOUSAND
YEN. MAYBE
THIRTY-FIVE
THOUSAND.

WAIT,
THAT'S
MY
MONEY,
DUDE!

NO
MORE
THAN
THAT.



OKAY,
LET'S SAY
WE DON'T
HAVE
TO PAY
FOR A
LICENSE.

WHAT'S
OUR
BUDGET
FOR A
TV?



THIRTY-
FIVE
THOU-
SAND.

HEH
HEH
HEH
...



ASHIYA...

...AREN'T
YOU FOR-
GETTING
SOME-
THING?

YOU SAID
THIRTY-FIVE
THOUSAND,
DIDN'T YOU,
ASHIYA?

SHWA
OUBO

WHA
...!?

WH...
WHAT?



THE
FRIDGE
AND THE
WASHING
MACHINE
...?

WHERE'D
WE BUY
THE
WASHING
MACHINE
OUTSIDE?

WHERE'D
WE BUY
THAT
FRIDGE
...?

...AT THE
YODOGAWA-
BASHI
CAMERA
ELECTRONICS
SHOP...

THAT
WAS AT
SHINJUKU
STATION'S
WEST
EXIT...



SO, YOU
FINALLY
NOTICED?

HEH
HEH
HEH
...



TH-THIS IS...!?

Total points: 6239
Thank you for your patronage.

SHAWA (FLING)

10% BACK IN POINTS!

I PAID IN CASH, SO WE GOT 10% OF THE COST BACK IN POINTS!

DID YOU THINK I MADE THOSE PURCHASES COMPLETELY RANDOMLY!?

YES... OUR POINT CARD!

WH... WHAT!?



IN... INCREDIBLE!!

ADD THESE POINTS IN, AND WE CAN RAISE THAT TO 41,239 YEN!

THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND YEN! HAH! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!



THERE
IS NO
GUARANTEE
THAT OUR
RENTAL
CONTRACT
WON'T
STRIKE A
LETHAL
BLOW!

HEH-HEH...
BUT, YOUR
DEMONIC
HIGHNESS,
FAILURE
TO PLAN IS
PLANNING
TO FAIL!

BA-HA-
HA! YOU
MISS ONE
HUNDRED
PERCENT OF
THE SHOTS
THAT YOU
DON'T TAKE,
ASHIYA!

I CAN'T WAIT
FOR THAT
REAL-ESTATE
AGENT NOW!

VERY
GOOD!

YOU WILL
SOON SEE
THE FOLLY
OF IGNORING
YOUR HUMBLE
SERVANT'S
PLEAS!

LET'S MARCH
OVER TO THE
REAL-ESTATE
OFFICE RIGHT
NOW!

YOU'RE
ON!

PERHAPS
I SHOULD
CONSIDER
ONE OF
MY OWN.

HE DOES
GO TO THE
MOVIES
SOMETIMES.
SO...

YOU
WANTED A
TV THAT
MUCH, HUH,
MAOU-SAN?

...I'M SORRY.
THIS IS
SHAMEFUL.





I WAS
KINDA
SCARED...

...THAT IT'D
MAKE ALL OF
YOU GO BACK
TO ENTE ISLA.

I THOUGHT TO
MYSELF, WHAT
IF YOU ALL SAID,
"WE CAN'T PUT
ALL THIS BURDEN
ON JAPAN
ANYMORE"?



YOU SAW ALL
THOSE DEMON
GUYS AT
CHOSHI.

"DEMON
GUYS"
...?



I
APPRECIATE
THE WARM
WELCOME,
BUT AREN'T
YOU AFRAID
AT ALL?

ALL THESE
ANGELS AND
DEMONS...
THEY WON'T
HESITATE
TO ASSAIL
JAPAN IF
NEED BE.



IF
THEY'RE
BUYING
A TV,
THEY'LL
PROBABLY
WANNA
USE IT
FOR A
WHILE.

I FIGURE
THAT MEANS
YOU'LL
ALL BE IN
JAPAN FOR
THE FORE-
SEEABLE
FUTURE.



IT WAS KIND
OF A SHOCK
AT FIRST,
BUT I'M NOT
SCARED NOW.



YOU'VE
ALREADY
FACED
DEATH
ONCE,
CHIHIO-
CHAN.

YEAH...



IT'D BE
KINDA RUDE
IF THAT
DIDN'T PUT
ME AT
EASE.

...AND THE
STRONGEST
DEMON
ANYWHERE
ARE BOTH
PROTECTING
ME.

...THE
STRONGEST
HUMAN
FROM OVER
THERE...

I DON'T KNOW
VERY MUCH
ABOUT ENTE
ISLA, BUT
BOTH YOU...



I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN,
OF COURSE,
THAT YOU AND
SUZUNO-SAN
WANT TO DEFEAT
MAOU-SAN IN
THE END.

OH...I
SEE.



BUT I KEEP
THINKING
ABOUT HOW I
CAN TAKE ALL
THESE PEOPLE
I LIKE A LOT
AND HAVE
THEM ALL BE
HAPPY.



I KNOW YOU
CAN NEVER
FORGIVE
THOSE
GUYS...

...FOR
WHAT
THEY DID
TO ENTE
ISLA.



I THINK
ABOUT
THAT
ALWAYS.



...I'M
NOT IN A
POSITION
TO GO
BACK
HOME
ANYWAY.

WELL,
RIGHT
NOW...

HUH?



YOU
DIDN'T
NEED TO
REPLY
THAT
FAST.

CAN'T
BE
DONE.



OH,
HELLO,
ALAS
RAMUS-
CHAN!

MMM...
MORNING.



AND AS
LONG
AS THE
DEVIL
KING...

...DOESN'T
GET BITCHY
ABOUT THE TV
AND RETURNS
TO ENTE ISLA,
I'M NOT GOING
ANYWHERE.



NO,
IT'S...
NEVER
MIND.

YOU'RE
NOT IN A
POSITION
TO GO
HOME...?



BYE-
BYE!

BYE-
BYE,
CHI-NE-
CHA...

SAY
GOOD-BYE
TO CHIHO-
ONEECHAN,
ALAS
RAMUS.

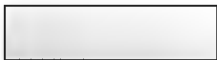
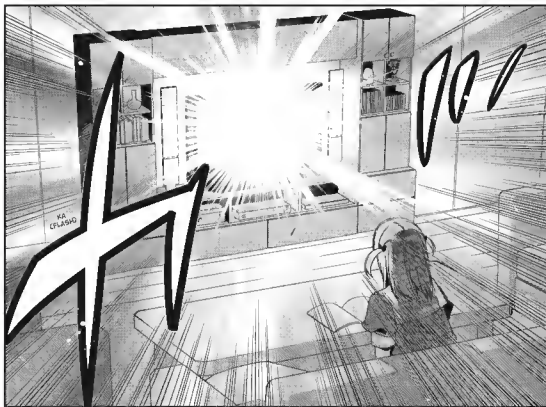
WELL,
GUESS
I'M OFF.



SEE YOU,
CHIHO-
CHAN.









I think
you better
not go
hooooome
for a while,
Emilia.



EFZAHAN,
THE
EMPIRE
ON THE
EASTERN
ISLAND...

...JUST
DECLARED
WAR ON THE
FEDERATED
ORDER TO
WREST
CONTROL
OF THE
CENTRAL
CONTINENT.

What...?

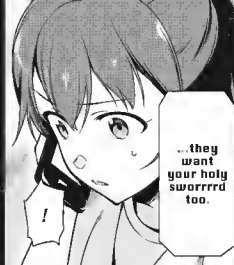


AND
APPARENTLY,
THERE ARE
DEMONS
AMONG
EFZAHAN'S
FORRRCES.



WHY
NOT?

Looks like
we're gonna
have a pretty
big waaaaar
between
people here.



...they
want
your holy
sworrrrrd
too.



So they're
after the
Central
Contineent,
but...

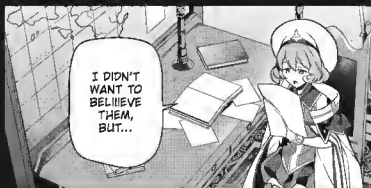


THAT
DEMON
TOLD ME
AS MUCH
EARLIER.



IF DEMONS
ARE
WORKING
WITH
HUMANS TO
TAKE MY
SWORD...

...I BET
OLBA'S
INVOLVED.



I DIDN'T
WANT TO
BELIEVE
THEM,
BUT...



I DO HAVE
REPORRRRTS
ALONG
THOSE
LINES,
YES...

...all the nations would start fighting again over you to ensure their saaaaafety.

...then even if that ends the warr

If the Hero Emilia takes a side and starts fighting...

ISN'T THAT ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO GET INVOLVED?

Oh nooo!

WHAT AM I, A NUCLEAR BOMB?

IT'S HARD TO SEE WHO'S FRIEND AND WHO'S FOE ANY LONGER.

HEAVEN AND ENTE ISLA AND THE DEMON REALMS... IT'S ALL GETTING TOO MIXED UP.

WELL, YOU BE CAREFUL, ALL RIGHT, EME?

YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL BET.

... HEE HEE!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU AND ALBERT, OKAAAY?

OH, I'LL BE FIINE!



SURE, THANKS.



I MAY WANT TO BORROW YOU SOONER OR LATER.



Okay!
Say hello to your
darling
husband
and
chiiiiild
for me!

YOU AND
ALBERT
STAY SAFE.
OKAY?

FOR NOW,
THOOOOUGH...
JUST KEEP
FIGHTING AS
"EMI YUULISA."



CAN YOU
CALL THIS
"NORMAL"?

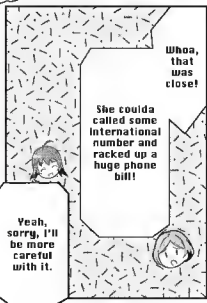
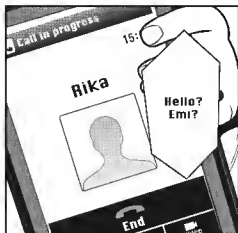
MAMA!

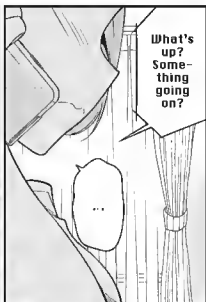


UGHH...

Rh-ha-
ha! That
was on
purrrr-
pose.

EME...











Rika

WH-WHAT?
I?



I'm talking
about what
kinda outfit
you think
he'd find
cute on a
woman!!



ASHIYA-
SAN...

BUT, I
MEAN...
UM...



N-no!
Nothing!
Nothing,
I swear!

DO
YOU
TWO
HAVE
SOME
KIND
OF...?



...invited
me...to go
shopping
with him...

THE
D
L
V
E
D
IS
A
PART-
TIMER





YOW, IT'S
LIKE A
SAUNA IN
HERE!

YOU SURE
YOU SHOULD
BE RUNNING A
COMPUTER IN
THIS HEAT?



OH, I
KNOW,
SILLY!
I WAS
WATCHING.

I'M HERE
'COS I
WANTED
TO TALK
TO YOU!



I'VE BEEN
ADDICTED TO
13 FLAVORS'
ICE CREAM
LATELY.

THAT NEW
CHOCOLATE
MINT
FLAVOR
THEY
GOT...
DELISH!

OOH,
AN ICE
POP!



OTHERWISE,
I'M GONNA
CALL MAOU
AND TELL HIM
YOU STORMED
IN AND RAIDED
OUR FRIDGE.

CAN YOU
JUST SAY
WHAT YOU
WANT?



SHEESH,
HE'S GOT
YOU THAT
TIGHT ON
A BUDGET,
MMM?



GABRIEL.

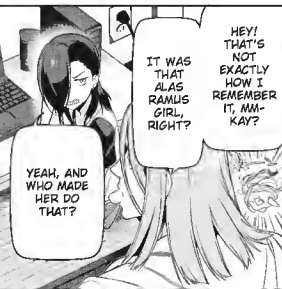


WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH A
LITTLE
SOMETHING
FOR THE
VISITORS?

OH,
DON'T BE
SUCH A
GROUCH!

JUST
STOP.

I'M THE
ONE HE'S
GONNA GET
PISSSED
OFF AT.



YEAH, AND
WHO MADE
HER DO
THAT?

IT WAS
THAT
ALAS
RAMUS
GIRL,
RIGHT?

HEY!
THAT'S
NOT
EXACTLY
HOW I
REMEMBER
IT, MM-
KAY?



DON'T BLAME
ME IF THEY
MAKE YOU PAY
FOR THE WALL
YOU KNOCKED
DOWN.

JUST TELL
ME WHAT
YOU WANT
AND GET
OUTTA
HERE.

UGH.





IF YOU'RE
GONNA CALL
YOURSELF
AN ANGEL,
AT LEAST
TRY TO
RECYCLE.

BESIDES,
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
TALKED
ABOUT HOW
IMPORTANT
IMAGE IS TO
US.



THAT WAS
THEN,
AND
THIS IS
NOW.

YEAH,
SORRY.



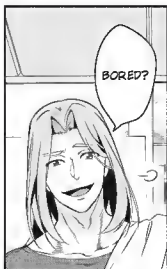
I MEAN,
I NEVER
CAUGHT
YOU IN YOUR
GLORY
DAYS...

WHY'RE
YOU WITH
THAT YOUNG
DEMON
WANNABE,
ANYWAY?

...SO I
WANTED TO
KNOW WHAT
YOU WERE
THINKING...

...WHEN
YOU
JOINED
THE
DEMONS.





STARING
INTO SPACE
FOR HOURS
ON END
UNTIL IT
DRIVES YOU
INSANE.



AT LEAST
IT BEATS
STAYING
UP
THERE.



I HUNG OUT
WITH SATAN
'COS I HAD
NOTHING TO
DO, DUDE.

I WAS SO
DEVOID OF
ANYTHING
TO OCCUPY
ME.

NO
OTHER
REASON.



YEAH,
THAT'S
KINDA
TURNING
INTO A
HUGE PAIN
FOR US,
MM-KAY?

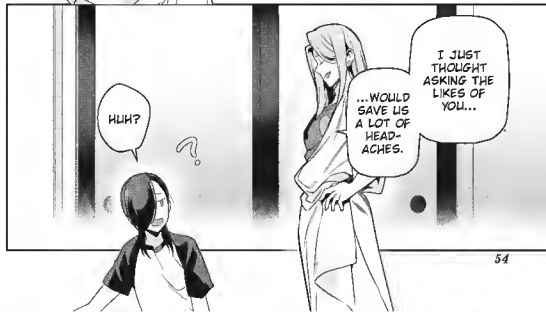
HELPS
PASS THE
TIME,
RIGHT?



AH,
THERE'S
THE GUY!

IF THAT'S
ALL YOU
NEED, THE
DOOR'S
THAT-A-
WAY.

SO, WE
DONE
HERE?





THE
"SATAN"
YOU WERE
PLAYING
AROUND
WITH.

WHAT I'M
TRYING TO
SAY IS, I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
SOMEONE
ELSE.



I'M TALKING
ABOUT
THE DEVIL
OVERLORD
SATAN. YOU
KNOW HIM.

NOT THE
GREASY-
HAired
SOCIAL
DROPOUT
YOU'RE
BLIMMING
CRASH
SPACE
FROM.





IF YOU
DIDN'T
NOTICE,
I WAS
TRYING TO
HAVE A
SERIOUS
CONVER-
SATION.
MM-KAY!?

I'D BE A
SECOND-
CLASS
SHUT-IN IF
I CARED.

OH, WHAT,
DO YOU
GET PERKS
FOR BEING
A FIRST-
CLASS
SHUT-IN!?



OH. IS
THAT IT?

YOU
MADE ME
SNEER AT
YOU FOR
NOTHING.

HEY!!!
WHAT D'YOU
MEAN "IS
THAT IT"!?



I DON'T
NEED TO
WORRY
ABOUT
SUCKING
UP.

A FIRST-CLASS
SHUT-IN HAS TO
TOE THE LINE
WITH WHOEVER
HE'S LEECHING
OFF OF.

IT'S KIND
OF LIKE A
SPORT.

YOU
SHOULD
APOLOGIZE
TO ALL THE
ATHLETES
OF THE
WORLD!

SEPARATING
TRASH



I JUST GAUGE
HOW MUCH MY
OPPONENT CAN
STAND AND
WORK WITHIN
THOSE RULES.

IT'S
NOT.

ALSO, HOW
IS THAT
NOT CARING
ABOUT
OTHER
PEOPLE?

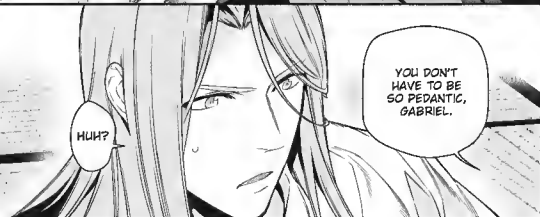


NOT IN
EDUCAT
EMPLO
TRAIN

IF I BROKE A
RULE AND HE
KICKED ME OUT,
I'D JUST BE
HOMELESS.

WHATEVER
IT IS YOU'RE
TRYING TO
CONVINCE ME
OF, IT'S NOT
WORKING!

IF YOU WANT
TO BE A TRUE
SHUT-IN, NOT
PURSUING
EDUCATION,
EMPLOYMENT,
OR TRAINING,
YOU NEED THE
RESOLVE TO GO
THROUGH WITH
IT—ALL THE WAY.



HUH?

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE
SO PEDANTIC,
GABRIEL.



WE ALL
WOULDA
BEEN
SHUT-IN
LOSERS UP
THERE.

IF IT
WASN'T
FOR WHAT
HAPPENED,
YOU, ME,
EVERYONE
ELSE...



...
LISTEN.



SEE? YOU
DO CARE.
SECOND-
CLASS,
SECOND-
CLASS.



...I WANT
YOU TO
TELL ME.

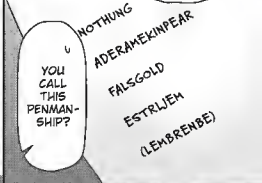
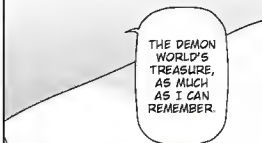
IF YOU
KNOW ABOUT
THE DEVIL
OVERLORD
SATAN'S
LOST
TREASURE
...



WHICH
IS?

LET'S
GET
BACK ON
TOPIC.







ESTRLJEM,
LEMBRENBE...
THE HECK...?

THE STORY
OF HOW THEY
CREATED
BRASS IN AN
ATTEMPT TO
MAKE FALSE
GOLD?

FEH...?
FALSGOLD
...? OH,
ALCHEMY.



HEY, MAYBE
IT'S ONE OF
YOUR YESOD
FRAGMENTS,
HUH?



LHEMBEREL
LEVHERBE.
A MAGICAL
BEAST THE
DEMON OVER-
LORD KEPT.

RUMOR
SAYS IT'S
STILL
ALIVE...

... SOMEWHERE
IN THE DEMON
REALMS,
WEARING A
COLLAR WITH
AN ASTRAL
GEM CRAFTED
BY THE
OVERLORD
HIMSELF.



WHAT? I'M
TRYING TO
BE PRETTY
SERIOUS
HERE!

THAT'S
ALL I CAN
THINK OF, I
SWEAR!

...YOU
REALLY
WANT ME
ANGRY,
DON'T
YOU?



THAT'S HOW
PEOPLE NAMED
"SATAN" HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN!
SO...POOR,
FOR SOME
REASON!



HE WAS
THE DEMON
OVERLORD,
AND HE WAS
STILL CHEAP
ENOUGH TO
TRICK PEOPLE
WITH FOOL'S
GOLD!



I TOLD YOU,
THAT'S THE
RECYCLE
BIN...

BUT...



POI
CROSS

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
WAY OF
MAKING
YOU TALK.

SO
WHAT-
EVER.

I'M
OUTIE.



HUH?
FAVOR
HOW?



...I'M
PRACTICALLY
DOING YOU
A FAVOR
RIGHT NOW.

DON'T
FORGET
...



THE
OBSERVER
IS
COMING.



SARIEL, THE
EVIL EYE OF
THE FALLEN,
HAD TEAMED
UP WITH HIM,
AND NOW
HE'S GONE.



AND
DEPENDING
ON WHAT HE
DECIDES, IT
MIGHT NOT
BE "DOVES"
LIKE ME...

...PAYING
HOUSE
CALLS ANY
LONGER.

YOU HAD TO
KNOW HE WAS
GONNA SHOW
UP SOMETIME,
MM-KAY?

WHY'RE
YOU
ACTING
ALL
SHOCKED?



THE OB-
SERVER
!?



YEAH,
THANKS
FOR THE COMPLI-
MENT.

AND DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT "DOVE"
CRAP EITHER.
YOU'RE LIKE A
SHOEBILL OR
SOMETHING.



HOW COULD
I KNOW
WHAT ALL
YOU LOSERS
ARE DOING
UP THERE?

WHY'RE YOU
EXPENDING
ALL THIS
EFFORT ON
US NOW?



LIKE I
EVER
WOULD.

ANYWAY
...

...IF YOU
REMEMBER
ANYTHING
ELSE, CALL
ME ON THIS
NUMBER.



BY THE
WAY,
THOUGH
...

WHAT?

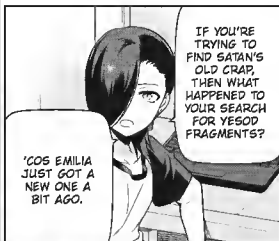




I WAS
TAKEN OFF
THE FRONT
LINES...

...AFTER MY
ASSORTED
SCREWUPS,
MM-KAY?

IF THAT
FRAGMENT IS
WITH EMILIA,
THEN THAT'S
FINE BY ME
FOR NOW.



IF YOU'RE
TRYING TO
FIND SATAN'S
OLD CRAP,
THEN WHAT
HAPPENED TO
YOUR SEARCH
FOR YESOD
FRAGMENTS?

'COS EMILIA
JUST GOT A
NEW ONE A
BIT AGO.



THOSE?
YEAH,
THAT'S
KINDA ON
THE BACK
BURNER.

I MEAN,
THE
OBSERVER
IS COMING,
KNOW
WHAT I
MEAN?

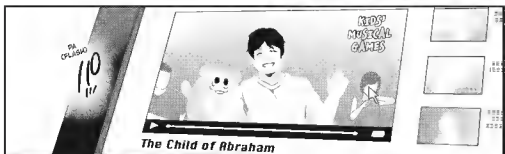


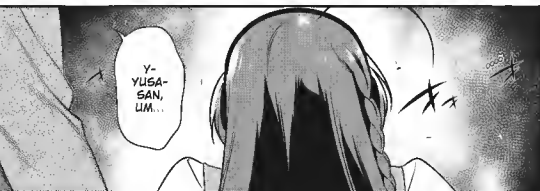
IF YOU SEE
EMILIA, TELL
HER I'M NOT
GONNA LAY A
FINGER ON 'EM
FOR NOW.

TELL HER TO
KEEP ALAS
RAMUS SAFE,
OKAY?



THANKS
AGAIN FOR
THE INFO!











THIS IS
YUSA.
HOW CAN I
HELP YOU
TODAY...?

...THANK
YOU FOR
CALLING
THE
DOKODEMO
CUSTOMER
SERVICE
TEAM!



OH, UH,
NEVER
MIND!

OKAY
...?



...WITH
HAIR THAT
JUST
BARELY
GETS
AWAY
WITH A
BED-HEAD
LOOK...

...SOMEONE
TALL,
MUSCULAR,
INTELLIGENT...

...IF SHE'S
LOOKING
AT SHIROU
ASHIYA AS
A REGULAR
PERSON...

...THEN TO
SOMEONE WHO
DOESN'T KNOW
HIM, THAT
STRESSED-
OUT, POVERTY-
STRICKEN
MIEN...

...MIGHT
LOOK
LIKE THE
DASHING,
FORLORN
FACE OF AN
ATTRACTIVE
YOUNG
MAN.



NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
RIKA IS THINKING OF
ASHIYA...AS JUST A
NORMAL GUY.

I CAN'T
AVERT MY
EYES FROM
THAT ANY
LONGER.





THEY LET
ME GO
A LOT
EARLIER
THAN
USUAL.



ARE YOU TIRED,
MAYBE? YOU CAN
JUST HEAD HOME
TODAY. YOU'RE
MESSING UP
THE WORKPLACE
ENVIRONMENT.

I WAS
MEAN TO
MAKI-
CHAN,
WASN'T
I?

BETTER
SAY
SORRY
TO
HER...



I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
RIKA...

...BUT
BUTTING IN
ON THEIR
SHOPPING
TRIP WOULD
JUST OPEN A
RIFT BETWEEN
HER AND ME.



MAYBE
I'LL CALL
SUZUNO
OR RIKA...



...BUT
WOULD
THAT BE
WEIRD OF
ME?





BETWEEN
DEVIL'S
CASTLE AND
THE DEAL
OVER AT
CHOSHI...

...I KNOW THE
FRAGMENTS
CAN BE INFUSED
WITH HOLY
OR DEMONIC
ENERGY...
AND THEY CAN
ATTRACT EACH
OTHER TOO.

IF SHE'S
NEARBY, MY
FRAGMENT'S
GOT TO
RESPOND
TO HER.



I'M WORRIED
ABOUT GABRIEL.
ALL THAT HOLY
ENERGY I USED
IN CHOSHI, AND
YET HE NEVER
SHOWED.

BUT IF IT
COMES TO IT,
I CAN BEAT
HIM DOWN
AGAIN.

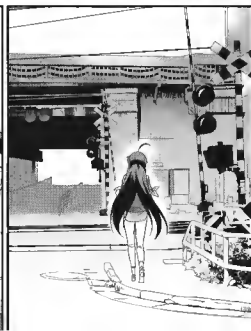


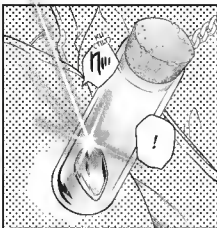
...I WANTED
SOME PEACE
IN MY LIFE
TOO...



SHE KNOWS
ABOUT ALAS
RAMUS—I
HAVE TO FIND
HER!









...NO.

I HAVE MY
THEORY AS
TO WHO SHE
REALLY IS..

...BUT EVEN IF
I'M RIGHT, SHE
MIGHT NOT BE
WORKING HERE
UNDER THAT
NAME...

西海大学医学部付属
東京病院
SEIKAI UNIVERSITY
TOKYO HOSPITAL

I WON'T GET
ANYWHERE
UNTIL I TAKE
ACTION...!

THE
D
L
V
E
D
IS
A
PART-
TIMER



OH...
ASHIYA-
SAN.

SUZUKI-
SAN!



I WAS
IN CHOSHI A
BIT AGO, SO
I HAVE A
SOUVENIR
FOR YOU...

THANK
YOU FOR
HELPING
ME OUT
EARLIER.



チハ
CHIBA
(GLANCED)

I KNEW
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN,
BUT...



OH...
THANKS.

チハ
CHIBA
(GUSTLED)







IT'S GOT
S AND D
CONNECTORS,
SO I FINALLY
GOT AROUND TO
BUYING A BLU-
RAY RECORDER
THE OTHER DAY.

IT'S A
26-INCHER
I BOUGHT
RIGHT WHEN
HD STARTED
UP. IT'S
ALREADY OFF
THE MARKET,
THOUGH.

A
RAGZA
FROM
SEISHI-
BA.

SEISHIBA
RAGZA



...BUT MY
KNOWLEDGE
OF TV'S ENDS
IN THE ERA
OF RABBIT
EARS.

YEAH,
FOR YOU,
MAYBE.



THIS MAY
BE DIFFICULT
FOR YOU
TO BELIEVE,
RIKA-DONO...

UM...?



I WAS
HOPING YOU
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
TEACH US,
SUZUKI-
SAN...

UM...



IT WAS
KINDA THE
SAME THING
WHEN I
BOUGHT A
PHONE...

IT DOESN'T
MEAN MUCH
TO ME IF
THIS OR
THAT'S
INSTALLED
ON IT...

...IF I
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
"THIS OR
THAT" IS,
EVEN.

PAPER: NEW MODEL CATALOG



OKAY.
LET'S
REWIND
A BIT.

I THINK
SHOPPING
RIGHT NOW
MIGHT BE
A LITTLE
DANGER-
OUS.



HMM...



THIS
"SEISHIBA,"
ARE THEY
A WELL-
KNOWN
ELECTRON-
ICS MANU-
FACTURER?

WE'RE
STARTING
FROM
THERE?



BUT WILL THAT COMPULSIVE MISER ALLOW YOU A RESTAURANT TRIP?

OH... YEAH, IT'S ABOUT TIME, HUH?



HEY, HAVE YOU GUYS EATEN?



YOU SEE ME AS NOTHING MORE THAN A CLOSE-FISTED CHEAP-SKATE, DO YOU?

SUZUNO KAMA-ZUKI...

HOW 'BOUT I GO OVER THE BARE BASICS OVER SOME LUNCH?



GEEZ, THREE HUNDRED WHOLE YEN...?

THAT BARELY GETS ANYTHING AT THE MAG, EVEN.



I AM PREPARED TO UNLEASH ...

...UP TO THREE HUNDRED YEN PER PERSON... A TOTAL OF SIX HUNDRED YEN FOR BOTH OF US!





...WHAT?
UDON
NOODLES!?

MANMARU
UDON...



ADD A COUPLE
TOPPINGS, AND
YOU CAN FILL UP
PRETTY WELL
FOR THREE
HUNDRED YEN.

THE SMALL
PLAIN
NOODLES
ARE ONE
HUNDRED,
YEAH.

UDON...
FOR A
HUNDRED
YEN?

¥100円



WELCOME!

I HEARD
ABOUT
THIS,
ACTUALLY
...

THIS IS
MANMARU,
EH?



...BUT
SHOPPING
NOW
WOULD BE
ASKING FOR
TROUBLE.

I'M NOT
A HUGE
EXPERT
OR ANY-
THING...

SO ANYWAY, WE
CAN EAT HERE,
AND I CAN CLUE
YOU IN ABOUT
TVs A LITTLE
BEFORE WE HIT
THE STORE.



I NEVER
SHY AWAY
FROM A FAIR
CHALLENGE.

...A FAIR
WHAT?



YOU'RE
GOING WITH
PLAIN UDON,
SUZUNO-
CHAN?

I NEED
TO TEST
IT FIRST.
ONE SMALL
ORDER WILL
SUFFICE.



...
LET
US
BEGIN.



'KAY,
WELL...
DIG IN,
EVERYONE.







YOU SAID
EARLIER
THAT YOU
OWNED...

...A SEISHIBA
TWENTY-SIX
SOMETHING-
OR-OTHER...



IF I CAN
WATCH TV
WITH IT,
I'M GOOD
TO GO.

UH...



SO,
GETTING
BACK TO
THE TV
FOR A
MOMENT...

DID Y'ALL
HAVE AN
IDEA OF
WHAT KIND
YOU WANTED
TO BUY?



IF
TWENTY-SIX
IS NORMAL,
THEN I
GUESS WE'RE
MAXING OUT
AT TWENTY-
NINE, MAYBE?

THEY'RE
NOT LIKE
BICYCLE
TIRES,
MAOU-
SAN...



IS
TWENTY-SIX
THE MODEL
NUMBER OR
SOMESUCH?

N-NO,
NO, IT'S
THE TV'S
SIZE...



WHAT'S
YOUR
BUDGET?

BOY, DO
WE GOT
A LOT TO
COVER...



...WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
PURCHASE A
TELEVISION
WITH THAT
FORTY-ONE
THOUSAND
TWO HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE
YEN?

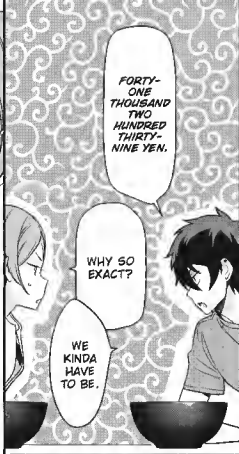
SO, DO
YOU
THINK
...



HELL
YEAH!

IF YOU DON'T
MIND A SMALLER
TWENTY-INCH
MODEL, YOU
COULD PROBABLY
SQUEAK UNDER
FORTY THOUSAND,
HUH?

WHA
...?



FORTY-
ONE
THOUSAND
TWO
HUNDRED
THIRTY-
NINE
YEN.

WHY SO
EXACT?

WE
KINDA
HAVE
TO BE.



HOW DO
THEY
EARN A
PROFIT...?

EVEN THEIR
LARGEST
SIZE IS
ONLY FOUR
HUNDRED
YEN.



HAVE WE
RETURNED
TO THE
SUBJECT OF
TELEVISION
YET?



OH,
SUZUNO-
CHAN!

WENT
WITH A
LARGE
BOWL
HUH?



...YOU COULD
GET AN OLD
PICTURE-TUBE
MODEL FOR
UNDER TEN
THOUSAND
YEN...

IF YOU
WANTED
TO HIT THE
THRIFT
SHOPS...

...BUT THEY
AIN'T TOO
USEFUL NOW
THAT ANALOG
BROADCASTS
DON'T EXIST
ANYMORE.

NOUVEAU
OOYEN

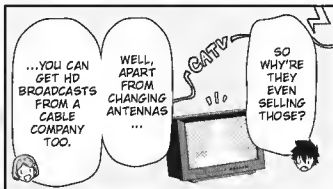


I COULD
PROVIDE
A BUDGET
OF UP TO
SEVENTY
THOUSAND
YEN. WOULD
THAT
SUFFICE?

OH, YOU
COULD GET
A PRETTY
GOOD ONE
WITH THAT.



OHH...



...YOU CAN
GET HD
BROADCASTS
FROM A
CABLE
COMPANY
TOO.

WELL,
APART
FROM
CHANGING
ANTENNAS
...

SO
WHY'RE
THEY
EVEN
SELLING
THOSE?



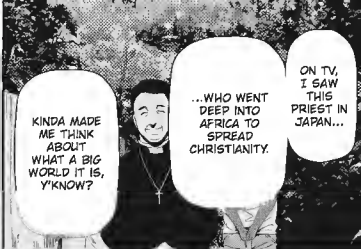
ISN'T IT
WONDERFUL
THAT PEOPLE
DON'T WANT
TO THROW
AWAY OLD
THINGS THAT
STILL WORK?

THAT
WOULD LET
YOU WATCH
DIGITAL
TV ON AN
ANALOG
SET.





THERE
ARE
PEOPLE
LIKE THAT
HERE AS
WELL...?



KINDA MADE
ME THINK
ABOUT
WHAT A BIG
WORLD IT IS,
Y'KNOW?

...WHO WENT
DEEP INTO
AFRICA TO
SPREAD
CHRISTIANITY.

ON TV,
I SAW
THIS
PRIEST IN
JAPAN...



I MEAN, YOU
WOULDN'T SEE
ALL THOSE
HOROSCOPE
AND FORTUNE-
TELLING APPS
IF WE DIDN'T.

OH, NO
WAY!

I HAD
THOUGHT
THE
JAPANESE
HELD LITTLE
INTEREST IN
RELIGION.



THAT OR
THEY'LL HIRE
A PRIEST
TO DRIVE
EVIL SPIRITS
AWAY BEFORE
BUILDING A
FACTORY.

...BUT
THERE'S
LITTLE
BUDDHIST
SHRINES
INSIDE I.T.
FIRMS AND
STUFF.

...AND WE
SURE DON'T
ATTEND
MASS ON
SUNDAY...

MAYBE WE
DON'T PRAY
BEFORE
WE START
EATING...



GRATI-
TITUDE?



I'D SAY WE
HAVE JUST
AS MUCH
RESPECT AND
GRATITUDE...

...
FOR THE
BIGGER
THINGS IN
LIFE AS
ANYONE.



...THAT'S
NO GOD
AT ALL,
I'D SAY.

IF YOUR
GOD TOLD
YOU TO KILL
ANYONE
WHO DIDN'T
LISTEN TO
HIM...



...I'D HAVE
TO BE A LOT
LESS CASUAL
TOWARD IT
ALL, I BET.

YEAH.
THOUGH I
GUESS IF
I WAS A
MISSIONARY
LIKE YOUR
FAMILY...



...!



WE
SHOULD
ALL TRY
TO GET
ALONG.

BUT
JESUS
SAID,
"LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR"
AND ALL
THAT,
RIGHT?







<NOT THAT I'VE
HEARD OF, NO...>



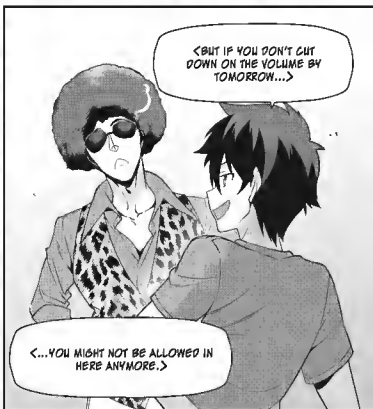
<THOSE CHOPSTICKS'RE
ABOUT AS USEFUL TO ME
AS DRUMSTICKS.>

<THERE AIN'T NO LAW SAYING I
CAN'T EAT UDON WITH A FORK, IS
THERE?>



HE SAYS
HE WANTS
A FORK.

OH! Y-YES,
I'LL BRING
ONE RIGHT
OUT!



<BUT IF YOU DON'T CUT
DOWN ON THE VOLUME BY
TOMORROW...>

<...YOU MIGHT NOT BE ALLOWED IN
HERE ANYMORE.>





TICKETS: FREE COUPON





COME BACK
SOON!

UM, TH-
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

R-
RIGHT!



I'M KINDA
SURPRISED
YOU TURNED
THAT DOWN.

THEN AT
LEAST
ACCEPT THE
FREE MEAL
TICKETS,
WHY
DON'TCHA?



YEAH...I
PROBABLY
DIDN'T NEED
TO DO THAT.



HELPING
ANOTHER
DAMSEL IN
DISTRESS?

IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT,
OKAY?

IT
WOULD'VE
BEEN
WEIRD
IF THAT
DEBACLE
HAD KEPT
GOING.



SHE KINDA HAD A FOREIGN LANGUAGE ISSUE ONCE WHEN I WAS THERE TOO.

THAT GIRL JUST NOW REMINDED ME OF CHI-CHAN WHEN SHE FIRST STARTED.



BUT, YOU KNOW ...

WHEN I GO SOMEPLACE LIKE THAT, I ALWAYS END UP FEELING BAD FOR THE STAFF.

HUH?



THEN YOU DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE YOU DID ANYTHING WRONG. YOU DON'T LEARN ANYTHING.

YOU JUST LEARN THAT THERE'S THIS ESCAPE VALVE YOU CAN TAP ANY TIME YOU WANT.

SO I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE GOOD TO TAKE IT.



I REALLY DON'T WANT NEW HIRES TO GET IN THE HABIT OF HAVING THEIR BOSS...

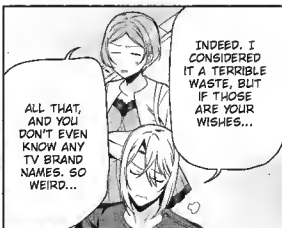
...GIVE OUT FREE FOOD VOUCHERS TO SMOOTH EVERYTHING OVER.





WELL,
I MEAN,
SYMPATHY
BY ITSELF
DOESN'T
HELP MUCH,
DOES IT?

IT MIGHT
COME BACK
TO HELP ME
SOMETIME.



INDEED. I
CONSIDERED
IT A TERRIBLE
WASTE, BUT
IF THOSE
ARE YOUR
WISHES...

ALL THAT,
AND YOU
DON'T EVEN
KNOW ANY
TV BRAND
NAMES. SO
WEIRD...



AS A FELLOW
FAST-FOOD
LIFER, IF BOTH
OF OUR JOINTS
CAN GROW AND
ATTRACT MORE
CUSTOMERS...

...MAYBE
THIS
EPISODE'LL
HELP THAT
GIRL.

SHE
COULD BE
MY NEXT
RIVAL!



AND YOU
MENTIONED
"LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR"
JUST NOW
TOO.



AH. YES.
RIKA!

WELL, LET'S
CALL IT
"FRENEMIES,"
OKAY?

YOU ARE
MAKING LITTLE
SENSE. LOVE
THY NEIGHBOR
SO SHE CAN BE
YOUR ENEMY
SOMEDAY?



HUH? IF
WHO'S NOT
A GOD?

...IF IT
WAS NOT A
GOD, WHAT
WOULD IT
BE?

I WANTED
TO ASK
YOU...



WELL, IT'S
PRETTY
OBVIOUS,
ISN'T
IT? IT'S
PEOPLE.



IF A GOD
WHO ORDERED
YOU TO KILL
ANYONE WHO
DEFIED HIM...

...ISN'T
ANY KIND
OF GOD,
WHAT IS
HE, THEN?

EESH, I
TOTALLY
FORGOT...

OH! OH,
YOU MEAN
FROM
EARLIER?



THE DEVIL IS A PART-TIMER! THAT HIIRAGI-SAN DRAWS IS A TREASURE TROVE OF NEW AND ENTICING DISCOVERIES.

THIS COMIC VERSION TAKES THE ASSORTED SCENES THAT GET OVERLOOKED IN THE NOVELS, LOST IN THE GREATER FLOW OF THE STORY, AND MAKES THEM AS CLEAR AS BLACK AND WHITE. A NOVEL PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON A SINGLE PERSON AT A TIME AS THEY SPEAK, BUT WITH MANGA, YOU CAN SEE EVERYONE THEY'RE TALKING TO AT THE SAME TIME. YOU CAN SEE THAT, AS THEY'RE ALL WALKING DOWN THE STREET AND TALKING, THEY'RE MAKING THIS KIND OF FACE, THAT KIND OF REACTION.

I REALLY FEEL LIKE A LUCKY MAN SEEING THESE EVERYDAY SCENES HAVE NEW, VIVID LIFE BREATHED INTO THEM BY HIIRAGI-SAN'S ART. AND THAT GOOD FORTUNE HAS NOW TAKEN US ALL THE WAY TO VOLUME 10! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? THE TENTH VOLUME! THAT'S SIMPLY INCREDIBLE! AND GOING FORWARD, I, WAGAHARA, WILL JOIN ALL OF THE MANGA READERS AS WE MAKE NEW DEVIL DISCOVERIES FOR WHAT WILL HOPEFULLY BE A LONG TIME TO COME.

HERE'S TO THE FUTURE—BOTH WITH HIIRAGI-SAN AND WITH ALL OF OUR READERS.

SATOSHI WAGAHARA

THE COMIC VERSION OF DEVIL HAS FINALLY HIT THE DOUBLE DIGITS! SEEING THE SERIES CONTINUE FOR THIS LONG FILLS ME BOTH WITH GREAT JOY AND GREAT SURPRISE. IT'S ALL THANKS TO WAGAHARA-SENSEI, ONIKU-SENSEI, EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT, AND ALL THE READERS AS WELL.

THIS VOLUME BRINGS US INTO THE EVENTS OF NOVEL VOLUME 5, AS WELL AS THE FUTON-BUYING SHORT STORY THAT I'VE BEEN DYING TO DRAW. IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD RENDER SOME OF THE OTHER SIDE STORIES IN MANGA FORMAT...A SECRET LUST OF MINE, IF YOU WILL, HEH.

IF I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, I'LL NEED MORE SUPPORT THAN EVER FROM ALL OF YOU. HERE'S HOPING!

SPECIAL THANKS!

SHIBA - TAKASHI YAMANO - AND YOU!



CHAPTER X: THE DEVIL AND THE HERO BUY A CHILDREN'S FUTON (PART 1)

**ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT!!**

YOU SHOULD
HAVE REALIZED
THE MOMENT
I PUT ALAS
RAMUS IN BELL'S
ROOM THAT I
WAS GONNA BE
LOUD.

IT'S NOT
ALL OF A
SUDDEN.

YOU...YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO BE SO
LOUD ALL OF
A SUDDEN!







GEEZ!
THAT'S DANGEROUS!
WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
YOU!?



...YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
SEEN
HOW
THRILLED
SHE
WAS.

THE FIRST
TIME I PUT
ALAS RAMUS
ON MY BED...



...BUT
HAVING A
GIRL HER
AGE SLEEP
ON THE
BARE TATAMI
FLOOR IS
RIDICULOUS!

I'M NOT
ASKING FOR
MEMORY
FOAM
OR ONE
HUNDRED
PERCENT
GOOSE
DOWN OR
ANYTHING...



IF YOU
WANT ALAS
RAMUS
TO STAY
HERE...

...AT LEAST
PUT A REAL
FUTON
IN THIS
CLOSET!



Y-
YEAH...



HER BONES
ARE STILL
FORMING AND
EVERYTHING!



IF YOU MAKE
HER SLEEP
LIKE THAT,
IT'S GONNA
STUNT HER
GROWTH!



IT'S
PRACTICALLY
LUCIFER'S
PRIVATE
SUITE NOW.

YOU'VE
GOT ALL
THIS
STORAGE
SPACE YOU
AREN'T
USING
TOO...



...AND I'VE
WONDERED...
WHY DON'T
YOU EVER BUY
FUTONS FOR
YOURSELVES?

IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU'RE
THAT POOR,
RIGHT?



DUDE,
YOU
CALLING
ME
LUGGAGE?

AS FAR
AS I AM
CONCERNED,
THAT IS
MERELY
LUCIFER'S
STORAGE
SPACE.



...BUT WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO WITH YOUR
APPLIANCES
WHEN YOU
RETURN TO
ENTE ISLA?



I DON'T
REALLY
WANNA
SAY
THIS...



...TO RUN
ON MAGICAL
FORCE
INSTEAD OF
ELECTRICITY.

IT
DEPENDS,
BUT
MAYBE
I COULD
MODIFY
SOME...



I'D LOVE TO
HAVE MY
MICROWAVE
BACK HOME...
HELL, MAYBE
TWO OR THREE
FRIGDES TOO.

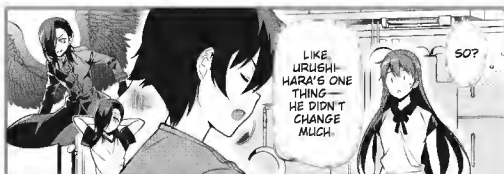
STILL...



WHAT'S SO
WRONG WITH
WANTING
A FEW
AMENITIES
BACK HOME
FOR THAT?

LOOK, I'VE
TRAVERSED
WORLDS TO
KILL THE
DEVIL
KING.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
THAT'S
GREEDY
OR JUST
DUMB...





YOU'LL WANT
MEMORY FOAM
TO SUPPORT
THE HORN
THAT I CUT
OFF!

THAT'S
PERFECT,
ISN'T
IT?!

ENOUGH!

STOP
IMAGINING
HIS DEMONIC
HIGHNESS
IN A HUMAN
FUTON
ALREADY!



GAH!

ASHIYA, DO
YOU HAVE TO
SPELL IT OUT
LIKE THAT?
THAT HURTS
MY FEELINGS
A LITTLE.



BESIDES
...



EVEN IF WE
BUY FUTONS,
WE CAN'T
USE 'EM BACK
THERE...

ANYWAY
...



JAPAN, TO
ME AT LEAST,
IS JUST A
REST STOP.

IF WE DID
BUY THAT
STUFF...

...THAT'S
PRETTY MUCH
SAYING THAT
WE'RE COOL
SHACKIN' UP IN
THIS WORLD.



...



WHAT'D
YOU DO
LAST
WINTER?

BUT YOU'VE
BEEN HERE IN
JAPAN FOR
OVER A YEAR
NOW.

OF
COURSE...

WE CAN'T
AFFORD
THREE
FUTON SETS
IN ONE GO
ANYWAY.



WE PUT ON
A BUNCH OF
LAYERS AND
SLEPT UNDER
IT, ASHIYA
SLEEPING
OPPOSITE
OF ME.

THE
KOTATSU
WE BOUGHT
HAD A THIN
SHEET ON
TOP OF IT.

FINE.
I'LL PAY
FOR IT.

...WELL,
SO BE IT.



D U D E !!

R E A L L Y ! ?

W H A T ! ?



FOR ALAS
RAMUS'S
FUTON,
ALL
RIGHT?



ALSO,
YOU'RE HER
"PAPA,"
REMEMBER?



WHY DO I
HAVE TO
PAY FOR
YOURS
TOO?



WE'RE GOING
DUTCH ON THIS
OR NOTHIN'.



HEY, DO
YOU KNOW
WHERE YOU
CAN BUY A
CHILD-SIZED
FUTON?



YEAH,
WELL....I
TOLD YOU
ABOUT
THE KID
MAOU HAD,
RIGHT?

IT'D
BE
FOR
HER...

LIKE,
WHERE'D
THAT COME
FROM?



WHY DID I
HAVE TO GO
THAT FAR?

WITH
WHAT?





SHE'S BEEN
WELCOME
WITH ME AT
TIMES WHEN
WE REALLY
NEED TO
DO IT.

YOU KNOW
HOW IT IS AT
THAT AGE—
IT'S LIKE THEY
MISS THEIR
MOTHER A LOT,
Y'KNOW?



BUT A
CHILD'S
FUTON,
HUH?



HMM...



IT'S ALL
GOOD WITH
HER FAMILY,
SO...

HMM...
WELL,
WEIRD
IS ALL I
CAN SAY.



WHY NOT
VISIT SEISEKI-
SAKURAGAOKA
OR MINAMI-
OSAWA?

YOU AND
MAOU-SAN
LIVE NEAR
THE KEIO
RAIL LINE,
RIGHT?



THEY SELL
ALL KINDS
OF CHEAP
BABY STUFF
THERE.

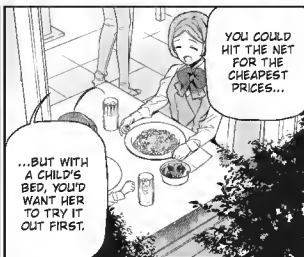
THERE'S A
BIG OUTLET
MALL OFF
MINAMI-
OSAWA.

AND SEISEKI
HAS A
BUNCH OF
SHOPS
RIGHT
OFF THE
STATION.

FUN TO
BROWSE
THROUGH
TOO!



HUH...
I DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT.



YOU COULD
HIT THE NET
FOR THE
CHEAPEST
PRICES...

...BUT WITH
A CHILD'S
BED, YOU'D
WANT HER
TO TRY IT
OUT FIRST.



WE'LL GO
SHOPPING
TOGETHER?

"WE'RE
GOING
DUTCH ON
THIS OR
NOTHIN'."

AH!

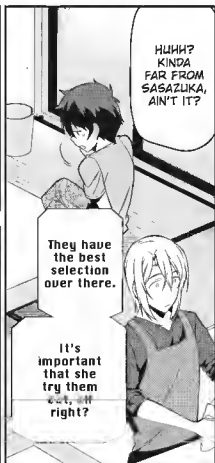
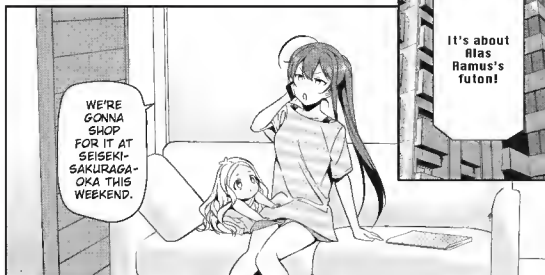
SIGN: BABY FOOD

UM,
WHAT'S
UP,
EMI...?

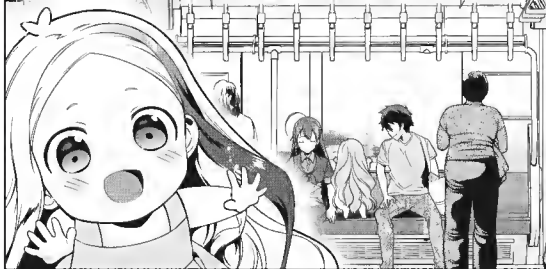
I'LL GIVE
IT A TRY...

THE
D
L
V
E
D
IS
A
PART-
TIMER





















SIGN: BABY AND CHILD SUPPLIES, NISHIMATSU-YA



HOW OLD
IS YOUR
CHILD, IF I
MAY ASK?

AH, IS THIS
THE LUCKY
MOMMY AND
DADDY I'M
GREETING?





AH!

Hey! Get it together!



WH, SHE JUST TURNED TWO A BIT AGO!



OH, SHE WAS WITH HER MOTHER...

WERE YOU USING A CRIB OR BABY BED UP TO NOW, SIR?



ビー・子

SO, HOW CAN I HELP YOU TODAY?

WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE A FUTON BIG ENOUGH FOR HER TO USE...



Emi! Will you stop getting set off like that!?



LET ME
SHOW YOU
A FEW
THINGS,
THEN.

AH,
RIGHT...



LIHH
...?

OH,
SORRY,
NO BIG
DEAL.



SOME OF
THESE
COME
WITH
TEDDY
BEARS?

SOMETHING
REASSURING
THEY CAN
CUDDLE
WHILE
THEY'RE
LYING
DOWN.

AH, YES. THE
TRANSITION'S
EASIER FOR
A LOT OF
LITTLE ONES
IF THEY HAVE
SOMETHING
FIRM...



THE FUTON
DEPARTMENT'S
RIGHT THIS
WAY.



NOW, THIS
SET COSTS
A TOTAL OF
TWENTY-NINE
THOUSAND
EIGHT
HUNDRED
YEN...



SIGN: ANTIBACTERIAL







OH,
CERTAINLY!
I'LL BRING
A FEW
OVER FOR
YOU.

DO YOU
HAVE A
CATALOG
OR
SOMETHING
WE CAN
HAVE?





YOU THINK WE COULD THREAD THE NEEDLE AND FIND SOMETHING FOR FIFTEEN THOUSAND YEN OR SO?

THAT ONE FOR THREE THOUSAND YEN WAS MEANT FOR NAPTIME AT THE DAYCARE CENTER.

IT'S NOT MEANT TO GET HER THROUGH THE NIGHT.

I FIGURED THIRTY THOUSAND WAS WAY TOO MUCH...

...BUT GOING FROM THAT TO JUST THREE THOUSAND AT THE SECOND STORE?

THAT FIRST ONE WAS SO EXPENSIVE...

I DUNNO WHAT THE GOING RATE EVEN IS ANYMORE.

AND WHERE'S THAT COMING FROM ANYWAY?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL ABOUT SAVING MONEY.



I'D LIKE
SOMETHING
AT LEAST A
LITTLE NICE
FOR ALAS
RAMUS,
Y'KNOW?



WHAT
IS IT,
PAPA?



HUH?
WAIT...

OKEH
!



UP WE
GO!



...!



OOPS!
STAIRS
COMING
UP, ALAS
RAMUS.

HANG
ON TO
MOMMY'S
HAND,
OKAY?





HOW
'BOUT WE
GIVE ALAS
RAMUS
SOME OF
THOSE?

IF WE ASK,
MGRONALD
WILL COOK
A BATCH
OF FRIES
WITH NO
SALT.

Y'KNOW
...



WHERE'D
THAT IDEA
COME
FROM?

WE COULD
GET 'EM
TO GO
AND EAT
HERE.



YOU LIKE
HOW I
SMELL
THAT
MUCH?

I THINK
YOU'RE A
LITTLE TOO
YOUNG FOR
MGRONALD.

YEHH!
YOU
SMELL
GOOD!

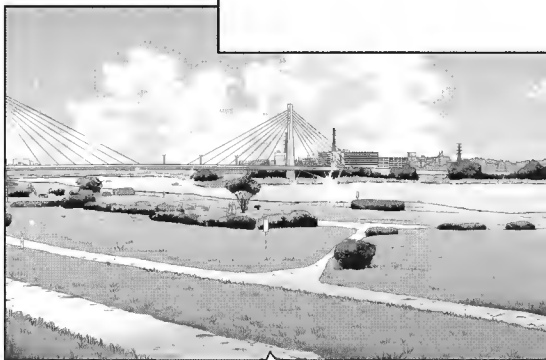


WANNA
GO ON A
PICNIC?



HEY,
ALAS
RAMUS?

YEHH?









...HUH?

DOES THAT DISAPPOINT YOU?



HEY, EMI?

WHAT?



...I'M JUST FREAKING OUT RIGHT NOW...

...BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE WHETHER BEING THE HERO OR BEING A MOTHER SHOULD COME FIRST...

...THAT'S ALL.



LOOK... I'M NOT THAT SELF-CENTERED, OKAY?

ALAS RAMUS HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH ALL ABOUT ME TODAY, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE GETTING JEALOUS, OR...



OF COURSE SHE'D LIKE YOU A LOT. YOU GAVE HER THE FIRST HOME SHE KNEW HERE.









STAND
CLEAR
OF THE
CLOSING
DOORS...



MAOU!

笹塚駅

HUHH?
OH. DID
I?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU
LEANED
ON
ME THAT
WHOLE
TIME!!

I AM
CALM!!

I KEPT
PUSHING
YOU
OFF, BUT
YOU
KEPT
LEANING
BACK
ON ME!

HEY, CALM
DOWN! YOU'RE
GONNA WAKE
UP ALAS
RAMLIS.





YEH!
ONNA
PICNIC
WITH
MAMA 'N'
PAPA!



MOIN-
IN'!

OH!
CHI-
NE-
CHAI!

DID YOU
GO OUT
TODAY?

GOOD
MORNING,
ALAS
RAMUS-
CHAN.



AND I'M
GONNA
SLEEP
WITH
MAMA 'N'
PAPA...
TONIGHT...

WE
PLAYED
A WHOLE
LOT...

WE
BOUGHT
A
FUTON...

MAOULU
CSGUEBNO
MAOULU
CSGUEBNO



YUSA-
SAN AND
MAOU-
SAN...

...ON A
PICNIC?



YEAH!
WHY
WOULD
I WANT
TO BE A
FAMILY
WITH
HIM...!?

...AND...
AND
MAOU-SAN
MAKING A
REAL...
A REAL
FAM—

SO
ARE
YOU...

OF
COURSE
NOT!







WHAT IN
THE WORLD
ARE YOU
DOING
IN THIS
STATION...?

WAAAAH-
HHH!

DAAHHH!!

UGH,
LISTEN!!
IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT!!

It...it's
fine...
If that's
what you
want...I
won't...



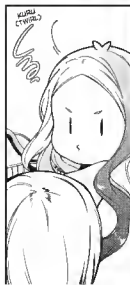
DON'T
SAY
IT.

I'M SORRY
I JUMPED
TO CON-
CLUSIONS.

I
JUST...
Y'KNOW.



SO IT'S JUST
A FUTON FOR
ALAS RAMUS
TO SLEEP ON
DURING HER
STAYS?



KURU
(TWIRL)



BELL
WAS
QUITE
WOR-
RIED.

SHE WAS
UNSURE
WHETHER
THE TWO OF
YOU COULD
GO WITHOUT
A FIGHT.





...HOW-
EVER...



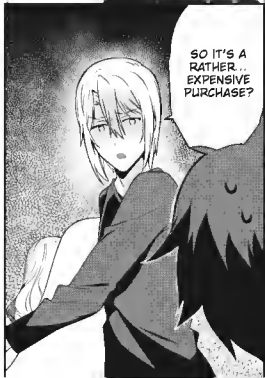
I AM NOT
SURE I CAN
ENTIRELY
AGREE WITH
THAT, SASAKI-
SAN.



DID YOU
MANAGE TO
SECURE A
FUTON FOR
HER?

MY
LIEGE!

DOKI
(O.KA-THUMP)



SO IT'S A
RATHER...
EXPENSIVE
PURCHASE?



I WANTED
TO DISCUSS
IT WITH
YOU FIRST,
ASHIYA.

THAT'S
WHY I
BROUGHT
EMI
ALONG...



MM...

I EXPECT
DETAILS
BACK HOME,
YOUR
DEMONIC
HIGHNESS.

IT'D BE
BEST FOR
HER IF
SHE HAD
A FUTON
MADE FOR
HER SIZE.

A CHILD'S
BEDDING
CAN AFFECT
THEIR BONE
STRUCTURE
LATER ON,
ASHIYA-
SAN...



HEH. NO
HERO OR
DEVIL KING
AT ALL,
HUH?

WE MAY NEED
TO TIGHTEN
OUR BELTS A
LITTLE MORE
FROM NOW
ON.

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WAS
THAT,
EMI?

...
NOTH-
ING.

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